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**(U) CALIFORNIA****(U) Oakland – California Man Planned To Use Chemical Weapon to Commit Murder**

(U) A California grand jury has indicted an Oakland man on felony charges after he admitted to trying to buy a chemical weapon on the dark web to murder his wife, according to the FBI. Sanford Faison, 41, used Bitcoin to pay \$95 for the unnamed toxic chemical, according to authorities. The person offering the chemical was an undercover agent.

SOURCE: 07 April 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

**(U) Costa Mesa – Kidnapped California Tourist Rescued In Uganda**

(U) A California woman and her driver, kidnapped last week at gunpoint by a group of men in a Uganda national park, have been rescued from their captors, according to authorities. Kimberly Sue Endicott, 56, an aesthetician from Costa Mesa, and her driver, Congolese national Jean-Paul Mirenge Remezo, were rescued by security forces, the Ugandan government said. The kidnappers are reported to have fled the scene when security forces moved in, no other details about their rescue has been made available.

SOURCE: 07 April 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

**(U) Lake Elsinore – Man Arrested In Death of California Highway Patrol Officer**

(U) A Southern California man was arrested on suspicion of murder and drunk driving in the death of a motorcycle officer with the California Highway Patrol, according to officials. Michael Callahan of Winchester was booked on the charges in the death of California Highway Patrol Sergeant Steve Licon. Callahan is suspected of operating a vehicle while intoxicated Saturday afternoon when he crossed over the right shoulder of Interstate 15 in Lake Elsinore, crashing into Licon and a car he had pulled over for speeding.

SOURCE: 07 April 2019, [Sacramento Bee](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) New Mexico – Border Patrol Agents Apprehend Nine in Vehicle**

(U) El Paso – US Border Patrol agents from the El Paso Sector responded to a report of a suspected smuggling incident Saturday, near mile marker 131 on highway 9 in New Mexico. Agents encountered the grey minivan identified by the report, which failed to yield to emergency lights and sirens. As a result, agents deployed a controlled tire deflation device on Highway 9 at mile marker 142. The vehicle swerved away from the device, rolled over and two people were ejected.

SOURCE: 07 April 2019, [CBP](#)

**(U) NATIONAL****(U) Indiana – Man Sentenced for Post Office Pipe Bomb**

(U) Munster – A man has been sentenced to 29 years in prison for sending a pipe bomb that exploded at a northwestern Indiana post office, injuring a worker. Eric Krieg of Munster, Indiana, was sentenced last week after pleading guilty in December 2018 to making an unregistered destructive device and other

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charges. In an earlier court filing, Krieg said he mailed the pipe bomb on 6 September 2017. It was addressed to an attorney who was representing a client who filed a lawsuit against Krieg.

SOURCE: 6 April 2019, [AP](#)

**(U) Montana – Man Who Discussed US Attack Arrested at Gun Range**

(U) Helena – An Albanian national who talked about joining the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and attacking random people to avenge a shooting at a New Zealand mosque was arrested at a gun range in Montana. Fabjan Alameti, 21, appeared before a US magistrate judge last week on charges of possession of a firearm by an unlawful user of a controlled substance and making false statements involving international and domestic terrorism. Authorities first interviewed Alameti in 2018, and he later made pro-ISIS comments on social media, according to the FBI.

SOURCE: 5 April 2019, [ABC News](#)

**(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Militants Storm Northwestern Badghis Province**

(U) Badghis – Hundreds of Taliban militants launched an attack in the Bala Murghab district, located in the northwestern province of Badghis, according to open-source reporting. The militants took over five security checkpoints near the district government headquarters after security forces chose to “tactically retreat” from the checkpoints. At least 30 Afghan security personnel have been killed in the fighting, which has been underway since 3 April 2019.

SOURCE: 5 April 2019, [RFERL](#)

**(U) Iran – Government Threatens Retaliation over Designation**

(U) Tehran – Parliament Members of Iran have stated that it will take retaliatory action against the US if it's elite Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) are designated as terrorists, according to government officials. The US is expected to designate the IRGC a foreign terrorist organization, which would mark the first time that Washington has formally labeled another country's military as terrorists. Set up after the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the IRGC is Iran's most powerful security organization and has 125,000 fighters.

SOURCE: 7 April 2019, [Fox News](#)

**(U) Saudi Arabia – Two Terrorists Killed in Attack on Checkpoint**

(U) Al-Qatif – Saudi security forces have carried out an operation in the Kingdom's Eastern Province which resulted in the death of two wanted suspects and the arrest of two others. The four attempted to evade a security checkpoint near Abu Hadriyah in al-Qatif on their way from escaping outside the country, Al Arabiya's correspondent reports. Out of the four men, three were on Saudi Arabia's wanted list of terrorists.

SOURCE: 7 April 2019, [Al Arabiya](#)

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